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SUBJECT: AEROFLOT REPRESENTATION IN US

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1. LOCAL PAN AM REP DRAHORAD HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPY HIS TRANSLATION OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO HIM AND SIGNED BY K.S. MISHUKOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, GENERAL DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES, AEROFLOT, CONCERNING US PROPOSAL REFTEL FOR MULTIPLE VISAS FOR PAN AM PERSONNEL ENTERING AND EXITING USSR. LETTER WAS DATED FEBRUARY 6.

2. BEGIN TEXT: AEROFLOT ACKNOWLEDGES CONTENTS OF US GOVERNMENT LETTER TO THE EMBASSY OF THE USSR IN WASHINGTON, DATED 23 JANUARY 1976, ON THE SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF RECIPROCAL PROCEDURES ON ENTRY AND EXIT WITHOUT VISAS FOR OPERATION OF SCHEDULED AND CHARTER FLIGHTS OF AIR CREWS OF PAN AMERICAN INTO THREE POINTS ON THE TERRITORY OF THE USSR (MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV) AND AIR CREWS OF AEROFLOT TO WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THIS PROCEDURE WILL REQUIRE SUBMISSION BY PAN AMERICAN AND AEROFLOT, 20 DAYS PRIOR COMMENCEMENT OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS OF A TWO YEAR PERIOD (FOR PAN AMERICAN TO THE USSR EMBASSY IN THE USA;
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FOR AEROFLOT TO THE US EMBASSY IN THE USSR) 3 COPIES OF ALPHABETICAL

LIST OF CREW MEMBERS CONTAINING CREW MEMBER'S POSITION, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, NUMBER OF NATIONAL PASSPORT, AND ONE COPY OF VISA APPLICATION WITH ONE PHOTOGRAPH FOR EACH PERSON. AMENDMENT OF THIS LIST (INCLUSION OF NEW CREW MEMBERS AND DELETIONS) CAN TAKE PLACE ONCE EACH QUARTER UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS.

ON APPROVAL OF THE LISTS BY THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES-WHICH SHOULD BE GIVEN WITHIN 20 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE, CREW MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES APPEAR ON THE LIST (AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL INCLUSIONS PER ABOVE), NOT EXCEEDING 800 PERSONS, WILL HAVE THE RIGHT OF FLIGHT OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS INTO PRINCIPAL AND ALTERNATE AIRPORTS OF THE USSR AND THE USA FOR A PERIOD OF 24 MONTHS, PROVIDED THAT THEY WILL HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION NATIONAL PASSPORT, PROOF OF THEIR POSITION WITH THE AIRLINE, AND BE SHOWN ON GENERAL DECLARATION WHICH WILL BE HANDED TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AT ARRIVING AIRPORT.

WHEN CREW MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES ARE INCLUDED ON THE APPROVED LIST LEAVE THE CONFINES OF THE PRINCIPAL AIRPORTS OR ARE ON THE WAY TO THE LOCATION WHERE THE AIRCRAFT IS LOCATED, REPRESENTATIVES OF PAN AMERICAN OR AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS THEMSELVES ARE REQUIRED TO SO INFORM IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. END TEXT

3. DRAHORAD INDICATED PAN AM WAS PLEASED WITH SOVIET RESPONSE BUT EXPRESSED ONE PRINCIPAL CONCERN, THAT NON-US NATIONAL EMPLOYEES OF PAN AM BE COVERED IN ANY AGREEMENT. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY STEWARDESSES, 3 DANISH NATIONAL MECHANICS FROM COPENHAGEN, AND ABOUT 20 BRITISH NATIONAL MECHANICS STATIONED IN LONDON.

4. COMMENT - EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FORMAL NOTIFICATION FROM MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION REGARDING US PROPOSAL. WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

ALSO IT IS NOT CLEAR TO EMBASSY WHETHER DEPARTMENT'S POSITION, AS STATED IN NON-PAPER CITED REFTEL, IS THAT MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS WOULD NOT BE ENTERED IN CREW MEMBERS' PASSPORTS. INFORMED SOVIET RESPONSE APPEARS TO ENVISAGE THAT VISA REQUIREMENT WOULD BE MET BY APPEARANCE OF AIR CREW MEMBERS' NAMES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COLLECTIVE LIST, SUCH AS SHIP CREW LISTS ARE NOW HANDLED. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OR CONFIRMATION.

WITH REGARD TO ALPHABETICAL LISTINGS, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IT BE CLEARLY STIPULATED THAT LISTINGS OF SOVIET CREW BE PRESENTED TO US SIDE IN LATIN ALPHABET. THIS WOULD AVOID PROBLEM WHICH NOW SOMETIMES ARISE WITH SHIP CREW LISTS WHEN NAMES ARE LISTED IN CYRILLIC ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

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